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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Yellow fever in the United States.

The total number of cases and deaths officially reported at New Orleans is as follows: Cases, 3083; deaths, 398 from July 21 to October 4, inclusive.

Daily reports from New Orleans:

Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	New foci.
September 28.....	23	4	8
September 29.....	28	2	5
September 30.....	31	2	11
October 1.....	23	3	4
October 2.....	19	3	6
October 3.....	30	2	5
October 4.....	22	4	6

September 25. From Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola, Fla.:

New cases to-day, 25; deaths, 1; total cases to date, 101; total deaths, 12; number discharged to date, 42; under treatment, 47. Disease widely spread. Received telegram regarding camp. Will render Banks all assistance possible.

September 25. From Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf, Tallulah, La.:

Investigated sickness reported yellow fever at Merrouge, and find no yellow fever; returned last night Tallulah. Following is report for Tallulah: 21st, 6 new cases; 22d, 6; 23d, 5; 24th, 4. All except 2 are colored, mostly on adjoining plantations; no deaths. Conditions are excellent, and I have requested orders for return to New Orleans.

September 26. Orders were sent to him:

Relieved from duty under White. Proceed immediately to Century, Fla., reporting to Banks for duty in connection with detention camp. Go by Jacksonville, and stop in Jacksonville long enough to make quiet inquiry into dengue. Wire arrival there and await orders before leaving for Century.

September 26. To Governor Blanchard, Baton Rouge, La.:

Von Ezdorf has wired me conditions such in Tallulah, La., that he could be spared. I have therefore ordered him for duty at detention camp for Pensacola, Fla., where he is greatly needed.

(Surgeon White was also informed.)

September 26. From Governor Blanchard:

Mayor and prominent citizens Tallulah disturbed at von Ezdorf's being ordered Pensacola. They urge he remain this week, confident he can stamp out infection. Has it under control. Let him remain week longer. Answer.

September 26. From Dr. G. W. Gaines, parish health officer, G. H. Ogdourne, mayor, and J. M. Johnson, representative, Tallulah, La.:

Please allow Doctor von Ezdorf to remain here this week. Feel confident he can stamp out infection by that time. Has it under control already.

September 27. To Governor Blanchard:

For urgent reasons, which can not explain at length by telegraph, it is absolutely impossible to change von Ezdorf's orders. Have so wired to the authorities in Tallulah.

September 27. To Representative J. M. Johnson, parish health officer Gaines, and Mayor Ogdourne:

Regret that exigencies absolutely prevent my complying with your request to retain von Ezdorf four days longer at Tallulah. His other detail is urgent.

September 27. Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf reported from Tallulah:

Twenty-fifth, 1 case, Tallulah; 7 on plantations. Twenty-sixth, 3 cases, Tallulah; 3 on plantations. To-day, 1 case, 1 death, Tallulah; 1 case on plantations. The work of sanitation can be easily conducted by the authorities here as outlined by me in writing.

September 25, 26, 27, and 28. From Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss, Lake Providence, La.:

Four cases, no deaths. Investigated Millekin. Situation, total to date 11, infection general, but houses scattered. At Shelburn, total to date 6 cases, 1 death. Depot operator here sick. Messages telephoned Vicksburg.

Nine cases, no deaths, no new foci. No reports from Gustine.

One case, no deaths. No report from parish. Newtown fumigated twice.

Three cases. Rain to-day. Turning cooler. Will show if much stray infection left.

September 25, 26, 27, and 28. Surgeon Wasdin reported from Gulfport, Miss:

Four new cases in Gulfport, and 1 in Mississippi City.

One new case in Gulfport, 4 in Mississippi City.

Four new cases to-day here; 1 new case in Mississippi City.

Three new cases here, 3 in Handsboro, and 2 Mississippi City. To-day at Scranton. Will clear up cases there to-morrow.

September 25, 26, 27, and 28. Passed Assistant Surgeon Young reported from Jackson, Miss.:

Natchez, 3 new cases, 1 new focus; Gulfport, 4 cases; Vicksburg, 1 case; Mississippi City, 1 case; Hamburg, 9 cases, 1 death; Roxie, 1 case. Lavinder wires 45 refugees from Natchez to-day: 3 Detroit, 24 Chicago, 2 Charlotte, N. C., 13 Louisville, 1 Vandalia, 2 Washington.

Natchez, 8 cases, 1 death; Hamburg, 3 cases; Roxie, none; Vicksburg, 4; Mississippi City, 4 cases; Gulfport, 1 case; Fort Gibson, 1 case; Harriston, no report. Forty-seven refugees Natchez: 10 St. Louis, 30 Chicago, 6 Cincinnati, 1 Louisville. Have wired health authorities of respective cases.

Natchez, 3 cases, 1 death; Vicksburg, 5 cases, 4 deaths; Port Gibson, 1 case, 1 suspect. Health officer thinks lower half of county infected. Gulfport, 4 cases; Mississippi City, 1 case; Hamburg, 1 case. Forty refugees Natchez: 12 Cincinnati, 21 Chicago, 7 Louisville. Have advised health authorities concerned. There is a very large passenger movement via Birmingham into Mississippi. Hunter proposed stationing State officer to issue certificates to those found by inspectors on trains not so provided. Inspectors would only deal with passengers destined for Mississippi and Tennessee. Alabama has been operating similar system with representative at Meridian and inspectors on all trains, thence to Alabama, without objection from Hunter. Hunter thinks your suggestion for Service representative Union station, Birmingham, to sign certificates better, but as trains arrive at all hours would need assistance of inspectors. If this is done, Service representatives should report me, so that all arrangements can be operated in unison.

Eighty-seven refugees from Natchez go north to-night: 4 Springfield, Ill., 1 St. Louis, 20 Louisville, 3 Washington, 2 Omaha, 8 Cincinnati, 49 Chicago. Have advised health officers concerned. One of our acting assistant surgeons accompanies them to Fulton. One of last night's party was taken sick on train. Yellow fever cases: Port Gibson, 1; Roxie, none; Gulfport, 3; Handsboro, 3; Mississippi City, 2; Natchez, 9; Hamburg, 4; Vicksburg, 2.

September 26. To the board of health, Charlotte, N. C.:

Have information that 2 passengers from Natchez, Miss., left yesterday for Charlotte, which is considered within, though just on the border line of, the infectible territory. No great apprehension, but it is desirable that these refugees be kept under observation every day for six days, and on first appearance of fever kept under mosquito netting for at least three days. This is sent by way of reasonable precaution.

September 26 and 27. From Surgeon Banks, Century, Fla.:

There has been a case of yellow fever at Brent. One on the same premises, arrived Sunday; probably was exposed infection; now isolated. Have advised the placing of a guard until the matter can be decided. Will see to-night and report.

Saw party who left Brent Sunday as refugee; now in woods 2 miles from here. Fatal case had developed where she boarded. She is well and probably without infection from that source, but isolated and under guard for necessary period. Camp construction begins to-morrow. Expect to finish Saturday or Sunday.

September 26 and 27. From Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola, Fla.:

New cases to-day, 8; deaths, 2; total cases to date, 109; total deaths, 14; discharged, 44; under treatment, 51. Six sailors from German ship *Kaiser* loading in harbor admitted to hospital with yellow fever. Captain sickened about fifteen days ago. Concealed his case. Treating himself aboard with aid of stevedore. Crew sickened in orthodox time after mosquito infection. Have ordered *Kaiser* to quarantine for treatment by fumigation and detention. Vessel about to sail. Have issued orders as sanitary inspector, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, forbidding vessels to leave port without quarantine detention at Santa Rosa quarantine, for ports in State and Gulf and Atlantic south of capes of Maryland, and foreign shipmasters are warned to observe these requirements lest their crews sicken with yellow fever en route. Ask approval of my action. Andrade, who is lately from Jacksonville, says dengue there, but not general. Cases marked with distinctive rash. He says he heard of nothing of a suspicious nature.

Request you obtain order from Secretary to collector customs, Pensacola, not to clear vessels from this port until they have "laid out" detention period at Santa

Rosa quarantine station prior to sailing for domestic ports United States, as referred to in my telegram last night.

New cases to-day, 6; deaths, 2; total cases to date, 116; total deaths to date, 16; under treatment, 52. Went to quarantine to-day in fierce wind and rain. Boatswain Hamilton has malaria. Parasites found in blood smear by Andrade; likewise found parasites of malaria in patient at Bluffsprings and patients at Milton. Steamship *Goodwood*, Captain Boag, for Greenock, Scotland, left port against advice about laying out quarantine for five days at Santa Rosa quarantine station.

September 27. To Sanitary Inspector Porter:

Referring to your telegram, September 26, as to detention outgoing vessels, Bureau approves of same so far as interstate traffic is concerned, in accordance with paragraph 1, article 3, Interstate Quarantine Regulations, copy mailed.

September 26, 27, and 28. Surgeon Guitéras, Vicksburg, Miss., reported:

New cases 4, deaths none. Fumigated 17 houses, 120 rooms, 18 cars, 1 steamer; inspected 201 houses. At request of Hunter investigated in company with Haralson suspicious case at Port Gibson to-day. Found 1 positive case, 1 suspicious, and 1 convalescent, probably from yellow fever. The following points on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railway below Vicksburg are infected: Port Gibson, Harriston, Natchez, Roxie, Hamburg. The situation at Hamburg is very serious. Port Gibson is an important place, and, if possible, a Service officer should be detailed there.

Refugee train 74 passengers left Port Gibson this morning for Chicago. Five new cases, 4 deaths. Fumigated 27 houses, 153 rooms, 22 cars. Inspected 180 houses. One of the city medical inspectors resigned to-day. Doctor Birchett will be ready for duty to-morrow. Expect city will appoint new inspector so as to push this part of the work. Two suspicious cases have occurred at the relay camp at Stouts, 3 miles from the city. Will determine diagnosis to-morrow.

New cases, 2; deaths, none. Fumigated 21 houses, 111 rooms, 15 cars, 1 steamer. Inspected 135 houses.

September 28. The following request was received from Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, and Secretary Hunter, State board of health, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Young, Jackson, Miss.:

Indications strong that entire line Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railway infected; certainly Gibson, Harriston, Hamburg, Roxie, some adjoining country. Urgently necessary to have expert investigation made of all other points on line. Request you send von Ezdorf or Goldberger.

September 28. A reply was sent:

Telegram of the governor, Hunter, and yourself to-day received. Absolutely impossible to detail von Ezdorf or Goldberger. Can not the State authorities appoint a good scout for this important duty, and if for any reason impossible can you name good man?

September 28. Passed Assistant Surgeon Greene was directed to proceed immediately from New Orleans to Port Gibson, Miss., and to report to Surgeon Guitéras by wire. He arrived September 30.

September 28. Surgeon Gassaway, Guthrie, Okla., was directed to proceed to his station, St. Louis, Mo.

September 28. From Surgeon Sawtelle, Richmond, Va.:

No refugees registered Richmond from infected points past four days.

September 28, 29, and 30. From Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola, Fla.:

New cases to-day, 7; deaths, 5. Heavy rains and wind storm prevailing all day.

New cases, 16; deaths, 38; under treatment, 67. Has rained for past forty-eight hours.

Fourteen new cases, deaths 3; total cases to date, 153; total deaths, 26; discharged, 51; under treatment, 76. * * *

September 29. Governor Blanchard, Baton Rouge, La., requested, on the part of the people of Lake Providence, that Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss be allowed to remain there for a longer period. He was informed that orders had been already issued to that effect.

September 29, 30, and October 1. Surgeon Wasdin reported:

Three new cases in Gulfport; 1 in Handsboro. Have seen 7 cases of yellow fever in this vicinity (Scranton, Miss.), 4 in Scranton, 3 in Moss Point. Seems have existed largely among negroes in marshes. One physician states 75 as number of cases seen. Are convalescent.

Two cases in Gulfport; 1 each in Mississippi City and Handsboro.

Conditions Scranton demand regular officer to assist; a large area must be watched; 8 new cases there to-day, 5 yesterday. Arrangements about complete to do all possible to stamp it out. Gulfport, 1 case, 1 death; Mississippi City, 6 cases; Handsboro 1 case.

September 29 and 30 and October 1. From Passed Assistant Surgeon Young, Jackson, Miss.:

Port Gibson, 2 cases. Health officer now sure that it has been present there and in the vicinity long time. Probably 50 in all. Traceable to a negro who had fever after the New Orleans excursion. Natchez, 4 cases, 1 death; Roxie, none; Gulfport, 3 cases; Handsboro, 1 case; Harriston, none; Vicksburg, 14 cases; Scranton, 4 cases; Moss Point, 3 cases. Waldauer will start down Yazoo and Mississippi Valley tomorrow to investigate all towns. Regarding Whistler Mobile matter, Mississippi law prescribes quarantine for dengue. Referring request governor and Hunter for investigation town on Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railway, State has no one available. Have talked to Krauss, who says only 2 or 3 cases daily now, and could leave Ellis in charge for couple of days and make required investigation. Hunter joins recommendation.

State board Mississippi has decided to maintain quarantine against Whistler and Mobile on account presence of dengue, the presence of which makes quarantine mandatory under Mississippi statutes. Understood Alabama will immediately quarantine entire State of Mississippi. I am therefore arranging relays on Mobile and Ohio at or near State line, and on Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City at or near Latonia. Go down that territory to-night. Fever officially reported at Rosetta, Miss. Fort Gibson, 6 suspects; Gulfport, 2; Mississippi City, 1 case; Handsboro, 1 case; Hamburg, 3 cases; Vicksburg, 8 cases, 2 deaths, 4 cases in county; Natchez, 7; Roxie, 2 suspects; Rosetta, 1. Yesterday's report, Hamburg 6 cases, 1 death. Sixty-eight refugees from Natchez: Chicago, 22; Louisville, 27; St. Louis, 7; Cincinnati, 8; New York, 4. Have notified authorities.

Natchez 5 cases, 1 new focus; Gulfport 1 case, 1 death; Mississippi City 6 cases, no deaths; Handsboro 1 case; Vicksburg 5 cases; Rosetta, 2 cases. Five refugees Natchez for Louisville. Have notified authorities concerned.

September 29 and 30 and October 1. Surgeon Guitéras reported from Vicksburg, Miss:

New cases 14, deaths none. Fumigated 10 houses, 37 rooms, 14 cars. Inspected 83 houses. Bad weather interfered greatly with the work.

Twelve new cases, 2 deaths. Fumigated 12 houses, 54 rooms, 14 cars. Inspected 84 houses. The stormy weather continues to interfere with the progress of the work. The situation is discouraging from the fact that it is still impossible to have all cases reported.

New cases 5, deaths none. General fumigation to-day almost universally observed, but in many cases not effective. Greene reported his arrival at Port Gibson yesterday.

September 29 and 30 and October 1 and 2. From Acting Assistant Surgeon Krauss, Lake Providence, La.:

Three cases, 1 death; no new foci; cold rain.

Three cases; 2 new foci; warm showers.

Two cases. New foci and 2 cases on farms 2 miles out.

Five cases and foci. Clear weather. Fumigating and oiling; first chance in six days.

September 30. From Acting Assistant Surgeon Duke, Scranton, Miss.:

State board appoints me in charge of situation here. Can I accept and continue my regular work?

September 30. A reply was wired:

Authorized to assist State board when not interfering with Service duties.

September 30. From Surgeon White, Raceland, La.:

Going up Southern Pacific for conference with local authorities regarding plantation labor. Will spend to-night at Morgan City, and post you on further moves. Expect to reach New Orleans Monday.

September 30. Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf reported his arrival at Jacksonville.

October 1. From Sanitary Inspector Porter, Pensacola:

New cases to-day 5, deaths none; total cases to date, 158; total deaths to date, 26; under treatment, 79. * * *

Replying to your telegraphic inquiry concerning health Jacksonville, Acting Assistant Surgeon McGinnis, of whom inquiry for report was made and whose reply by mail has delayed my reply to you writes: "After thorough investigation find about 30 cases of dengue lasting from five to eight days. Have been not over 150 cases in all since first appearance. Fifty cases malarial fever would more than cover number in city, mostly of æstivo-autumnal variety lasting from forty-eight to seventy-two hours, and subsiding under influence of quinine not to return. Less than 15 cases of typhoid in city."

October 2. Passed Assistant Surgeons McMullen and Berry were ordered from New Orleans to Gulfport, Miss., to receive instructions from Surgeon Wasdin for duty at or near Scranton.

October 2. The detention camp at McDavid, about 8 miles south of Flomaton, Fla., was named Camp Murray. Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf, Jacksonville, Fla., was ordered, when finished with his investigation regarding dengue, etc., at that place, to proceed and join Surgeon Banks, who is in command of Camp Murray. The following day the camp was opened.

October 2. Surgeon Sawtelle reported from Richmond, Va., that no persons had registered there during the past few days from infected districts.

October 2. From Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf, Jacksonville, Fla.:

Examined 9 cases prevailing disease; 3 were colored, 3 whites, and 3 convalescent whites. Eruption in all white cases; history clearly dengue. Have seen nothing suspicious. History of cases by several doctors confirm dengue. Find *Culex pungens* in houses sick, and found 1 *Stegomyia*.

ASIATIC CHOLERA IN EUROPE.

According to an official report from Rome, Italy, transmitted by Acting Assistant Surgeon Buonocore, Naples, September 23, 7 cases of Asiatic cholera, with 3 deaths, were recorded in Austria September 5, 6 of the cases occurring in the commune of Padew and 1 at Grodzisko, places in Galicia near the Russian frontier. There has been no further spread up to the date of the report.

The Austrian Government did not consider it necessary to apply general measures of surveillance against arrivals from Galicia, but prophylactic measures were adopted in Galicia itself, where arrivals by river from Prussian Poland are held in observation for five days.

September 27. From Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin, Hamburg, Germany:

Doctor Holland-American line states Russians leave Rotterdam without detention or baggage disinfection.

Doctor Doty, quarantine officer, New York, was informed of this fact.

September 29. From Doctor Doty:

In reply to your telegram regarding Holland-American Line, I am satisfied that this company is carrying out at Rotterdam the regulations requiring Russians and other passengers coming from cholera-infected districts to be held for six days under observation before embarkation. This is evident from diminished number of steerage passengers arriving in these vessels and certificates of masters and surgeons to this effect. I have also received a cable from Listoe, the American consul-general at Rotterdam, to the effect that these regulations are being carefully carried out at that place.